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# Georgia Southern University Athletics



Eagles Host Saturday Doubleheader against KSU and USC-Upstate

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Men's Tennis

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**STATESBORO** – The Georgia Southern men's tennis team is set to host a pair of matches Saturday in its third and fourth straight home contests at the Wallis Tennis Center.

Action is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. with Kennesaw. Following a women's match, the team will return to face South Carolina-Upstate at 3:30 p.m.

## **Last time out:**

The Eagles (4-5) opened their home schedule with a pair of wins over Gardner-Webb and South Carolina State this past weekend. In early action, the team beat the Runnin' Bulldogs 4-3 before taking out SCSU 4-0 in the afternoon. Freshman [Alexandros Roumpis](#) was named Sun Belt Conference Men's Tennis Athlete of the Week for his performance over the weekend.

[Murphy McCullough](#) and [Santiago Suarez](#) are currently ranked 47<sup>th</sup> nationally in doubles play by ITA. The duo previously scored a 6-3 victory over No. 9 Franco Aubone and Benjamin Hannestad of Miami on Jan. 19.

## **Kennesaw State Series history:**

The Eagles lead the series 6-2 including the past four straight. GS defeated KSU in 2019 by a score of 4-3 in the most recent meeting during a five-match winning streak.

## **USC-Upstate Series history:**

The Eagles trail in the series 2-3 but have won the past two meetings. Georgia Southern defeated the Spartans in 2016 by a score of 6-1 in the most recent meeting during a six-match winning streak.

## **About KSU:**

The Owls (1-1) have only played twice this season and are an even .500. The team fell to Georgia 1-8 on Jan. 20 before beating Samford 5-2 Feb. 1. In 2019, the Owls went 11-13, 4-2 ASUN and ended their season in the second round of the conference tournament.

## **About USC-Upstate:**

The Spartans (0-3) after facing a tough schedule so far. The team opened the season with a 0-7 loss to No. 23 North Carolina State Jan. 11 followed by a cancelled

match and a postponed match. They resumed play with 1-6 losses to Coastal Carolina and Davidson on Jan. 25 and Feb. 4 respectively.

**What Eagles head coach [Sander Koning](#) had to say:**

"We had a solid week of practice and I expect another tough weekend. We have seen in the past couple of weeks that if we trust ourselves and play aggressive, we put ourselves in a position to win matches. I will be looking for us to be consistent in our mindset and energy throughout the day."

**Up Next:**

Following the weekend, the team will host Mercer on Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m.

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